



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
HOUSING AUTHORITY  
OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Executive Director of the Housing Authority

At its meeting held March 28, 2006, the Board, acting as the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority, took the following action:

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The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisor Burke:

"In accordance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998, the Housing Authority is required to complete an Annual Plan that identifies program goals, major policies, and financial resources for both the Conventional Public Housing and Section 8 Tenant-Based Programs.

"The Housing Authority is proposing to further modify the existing Section 8 Homeless set-aside program, which requires a change to the Annual Plan presented on today's agenda. The current Section 8 Homeless set-aside program has 150 vouchers. In the Annual Plan Board Letter, the Housing Authority proposed to expand the existing Section 8 Homeless set-aside program, to include 50 additional vouchers for families that were both homeless and disabled.

"The Housing Authority further proposes to expand the homeless definition for these 50 additional vouchers to include individuals who were previously housed, but due to an illness were hospitalized and have lost their housing. This will allow the Housing Authority to provide assistance to these individuals upon release from the hospital. The Housing Authority will receive referrals directly from the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services (DHS) for these additional vouchers.

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"I therefore recommend that the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority:

1. Instruct the Executive Director of the Housing Authority to amend the current Annual Plan to expand the exiting Section 8 Homeless set-aside program and to expand the homeless definition for these 50 additional vouchers to include individuals who were previously housed, but due to an illness were hospitalized and have lost their housing; and
2. Instruct the Executive Director of the Housing Authority to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services to receive referrals and support services for individuals who were previously housed, but due to an illness were hospitalized and have lost their housing."

After further discussion, Supervisor Burke made the following statement:

"In accordance with Code of Federal Regulation 24 Part 982.306 the Executive Director of the Housing Authority has the authority to terminate an owner's Section 8 contract for violations. Furthermore, in accordance with CFR 24 Part 982.453 the Executive Director has the authority to disapprove an owner or prevent an owner from future participation in the Section 8 program. Based on comments received during the public comment period, I recommend modifying the Section 8 owner disapproval policy and the Section 8 termination of the Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) contract policy, both included in the Housing Authority's Annual Plan."

Therefore on motion of Supervisor Burke, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, unanimously carried, the Board acting as the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority, instructed the Executive Director of the Housing Authority to take the following actions:

1. Amend the current Annual Plan to expand the exiting Section 8 Homeless set-aside program and to expand the homeless definition for these 50 additional vouchers to include individuals who were previously housed, but due to an illness were hospitalized and have lost their housing.

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2. Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services to receive referrals and support services for individuals who were previously housed, but due to an illness were hospitalized and have lost their housing
3. Amend the Annual Plan to modify the disapproval timeframe from 10 years to up to 10 years for owners whose Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) contracts are terminated for any drug-related or violent criminal activity and from three years to up to five years for owners whose HAP contracts are terminated for the commission of fraud, bribery or any other corrupt act in connection with any federal housing program;
4. Modify the owner disapproval policy to expand the list of reasons for owner disapproval and to implement a process by which owners can appeal the Housing Authority's disapproval decision;
5. Establish guidelines to be used in determining cancellation of HAP contracts in accordance with 24 CFR 982.453; and
6. Present a report to the Board at a later date outlining the above policy changes.

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Attachment

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(ALSO SEE BOARD ORDER NO. 1-H THIS DATE)